

This remarkable and tenacious man of God has shared his time and talents for the betterment of our community for the past 20 years by preaching the gospel and living the gospel.

Bishop Eddie L. Long is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a man of great courage, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared with not only New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, but with Dekalb County and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am pleased to proclaim August 17, 2007 as Bishop Eddie L. Long Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF GENOA NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Genoa National Fish Hatchery for 75 years of dedicated aquatic resource conservation.

Established in 1932 through the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Act, Genoa National Fish Hatchery is one of 69 Federal hatcheries managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The location was selected because of its proximity to the Mississippi River and its reliable source of broodfish and artesian well water, both of which are used to raise fish and fill ponds. Hatchery construction was completed in 1939 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression.

To support ongoing fish management and restoration programs, Genoa provides millions of eggs, fry, and fingerlings to State fishery stations, Federal hatcheries, National Wildlife refuges, Department of Army installations, and seven Native American Tribes.

Genoa's location and its ability to create different rearing environments and water temperatures makes it one of the most diverse hatcheries in the Nation. Nineteen ponds ranging in size from one-tenth of one acre to thirty-three acres, six raceways, and seven intensive rearing buildings make it capable of collecting, culturing, and rearing cold, cool, and warm water fish species. Genoa raises, holds, and rears more species of fish and freshwater mussels than almost any other Federal fish hatchery in the Nation.

Genoa's mission has changed and evolved over the years. Initially, its purpose was to raise bass and panfish for area waters. In the 1950s, it evolved to sportfish restoration, predominantly northern pike and walleye. As science developed and needs for fishery conservation in the country changed, so did the hatchery's mission. In the 1990s, the value of hatcheries as important tools for recovering and restoring threatened and endangered fish and aquatic species was recognized. Genoa expanded its traditional missions to include recovering and restoring endangered mussels, lake sturgeon and coaster brook trout. Today, eggs, and fry are still provided to State conservation agencies to assist them in their fishery management programs.

On multiple occasions, I toured this amazing facility and witnessed the ongoing and award-

winning research performed by its hard-working, dedicated staff. Two staff members have received awards this year through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Doug Aloisi received the Project Leader of the Year Award for his leadership on imperiled native mussels and lake sturgeon and his strong outreach efforts. Roger Gordon received the National Recovery Champion Award for being the driving force behind mussel conservation. I am proud to have the hatchery in Wisconsin's Third Congressional District.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE CREW'S NEST ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. GILLMOR. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to pay tribute to a special facility in the great State of Ohio. This year, The Crew's Nest in Put-in-Bay, Ohio celebrates thirty-five years of dedicated service.

Madam Speaker, the Crew's Nest in Put-in-Bay, Ohio, is one of the finest destinations on the Great Lakes. Located in Put-in-Bay, Ohio, on South Bass Island, the Crews Nest is part of the rich and historic past of Lake Erie.

Dating back to the War of 1812, Put-in-Bay and South Bass Island served our great Nation as the key base of operations for Commodore Oliver H. Perry. Through this port-of-call, Commodore Perry was able to ensure our independence and our place among nations. Even today, we acknowledge the heroic actions of Commodore Perry with a granite memorial that towers some 352 feet above the island.

And, it is in this very harbor, with Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial as a backdrop, that you will find one of the Great Lake's finest private boating clubs. From the time of its inception in 1968, the Crew's Nest has continued to provide vacationers with the finest accommodations on Lake Erie. Today, the Crew's Nest provides members and non-members alike with a safe and enjoyable stay on this historic island.

Madam Speaker, the real success of the Crew's Nest facility comes not only from its first class accommodations, but its employees. I have visited this facility many times with my family and can tell you first-hand what makes the Crew's Nest in Put-in-Bay, Ohio, so special are its employees. The staff's attention to service and boundless enthusiasm continue to make the Crew's Nest a required visit for guests to Put-in-Bay.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the employees and the legacy of the Crew's Nest in Put-in-Bay, Ohio. As all who benefit from this fine establishment gather to celebrate its 35th anniversary of service, I am confident that the excellent employees will continue the success of The Crew's Nest into the future.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today applaud the action of the House of Representatives in standing up for our children. H.R. 3162—Children's Health and Medical Care Protection Act of 2007 provides needed additional funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) nationally, and in my State, it will allow the continuation of the successful PeachCare program currently serving 270,000 children.

Early on, I advocated for the full reauthorization of SCHIP, at a minimum, so that childhood healthcare is not compromised. This bill accomplishes that and even expands the program. However, this particular bill also forces cuts to Medicare Part C, a program in which over 8,000 seniors in my district are enrolled.

I have heard from these seniors in person, through the mail, on the phone, and over fax about their support for this program and the difference it has made in their lives. I wish there were another option for House consideration today that would enable this program to continue in its current state. While I am supporting this legislation today to expand SCHIP, I want to assure the seniors from the 4th district that their words have not fallen on deaf ears.

I believe Congress will have an opportunity to take another look at this legislation after conferencing with the Senate, and I hope the package presented will take care of those in greatest need at both the dawn and dusk of their lives.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAPTAIN LARRY G. WEDEKIND

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, I wish to congratulate Assistant Solicitor Larry G. Wedekind of Lexington County's eleventh Judicial Circuit for being sworn in as a Captain in the South Carolina Army National Guard. He will be joining the Judge Advocate General Corps.

Captain Wedekind of Chapin has devoted his career to public service. After graduating from The Citadel—The Military College of South Carolina, he served 8 years in the U.S. Marine Corps as a communications officer and as a surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy. A 1997 graduate of the University of South Carolina's School of Law, Captain Wedekind has worked as a lawyer for the Fifth and Eleventh Judicial Circuit courts as well as in the office of the Attorney General.

As a soldier and lawyer, Larry remains committed to the citizens of his country and his State of South Carolina. He is a true role-model. I applaud his tremendous sense of duty. I want to wish him and his wife, Angie, all the best in the years to come.